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## POLLY &amp; WELLS

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## ives, Have-Not.

ne Biando of West Valley is in trouble because she logs. Last week, two Salt County animal-control officers, three sheriff's deputies and a plainclothes detective entered her home with a search warrant and confiscated six dogs. It was the second time dogcatchers came because of an ordinance limiting more than two dogs per home. The officers were acting on complaints about the dogs, but the owners were not vicious.

First that raid with the dogcatchers afforded Linda Norstrom, a business owner who lives on exclusive Walker Lane, a member of the Holladay Community Council and a county Commission candidate in 1992.

She has numerous dogs but denied the County Planning and Zoning Commission to get a unique variance to have a kennel, even though she has been one of the first to do so in anytime someone in the neighborhood attempts a dog-based business, such as dog grooming or greeting cards. Even without the variance, she would not have deputies ever would come armed to the ritzy Walker Lane residence.

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**With Woes.** When employees at the Salt Lake City Health Department working at 600 South and 200 West complained of headaches and nausea recently, tests showed a higher-than-normal level of carbon monoxide in the building. It turns out that a window had been left open in one of the building's

## Kennecott Fights Superfund Status

Copper Giant Claims  
It Can Clean Up  
Tainted Sites CheaperBy Mike Gorrell  
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In scattered corners of West Jordan City Hall Wednesday evening, the word "Superfund" will be on everyone's lips.

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed to add big areas around the north and south ends of Kennecott Utah Copper Corp.'s Oquirrh Mountain operation to the "Superfund" list of hazardous-waste sites eligible for federal cleanup assistance. West Jordan residents will be the first to address questions about it to EPA and Kennecott officials.

West Jordan environmental-affairs officer and meeting organiz-

er Pamela Parkinson is no shrinking violet. She has strong feelings about the way the insiders should answer these questions.

"I've warned all of them not to overwhelm people with technical data or bombard them with information they don't understand," Parkinson said. "This is not going to be a battle of Goliaths, a confrontation between Kennecott and EPA. ... The people are in charge."

There will be no speeches, no overly technical presentations, no wooing of public support.

Kennecott, which opposes the Superfund listing proposal, acknowledges that past mining operations — its own and predecessors — have tainted the Oquirrh foothills with toxic pollutants, some of which have spread in tentacles of groundwater and stream flows through parts of the western Salt Lake Valley.

But Kennecott wants to do the

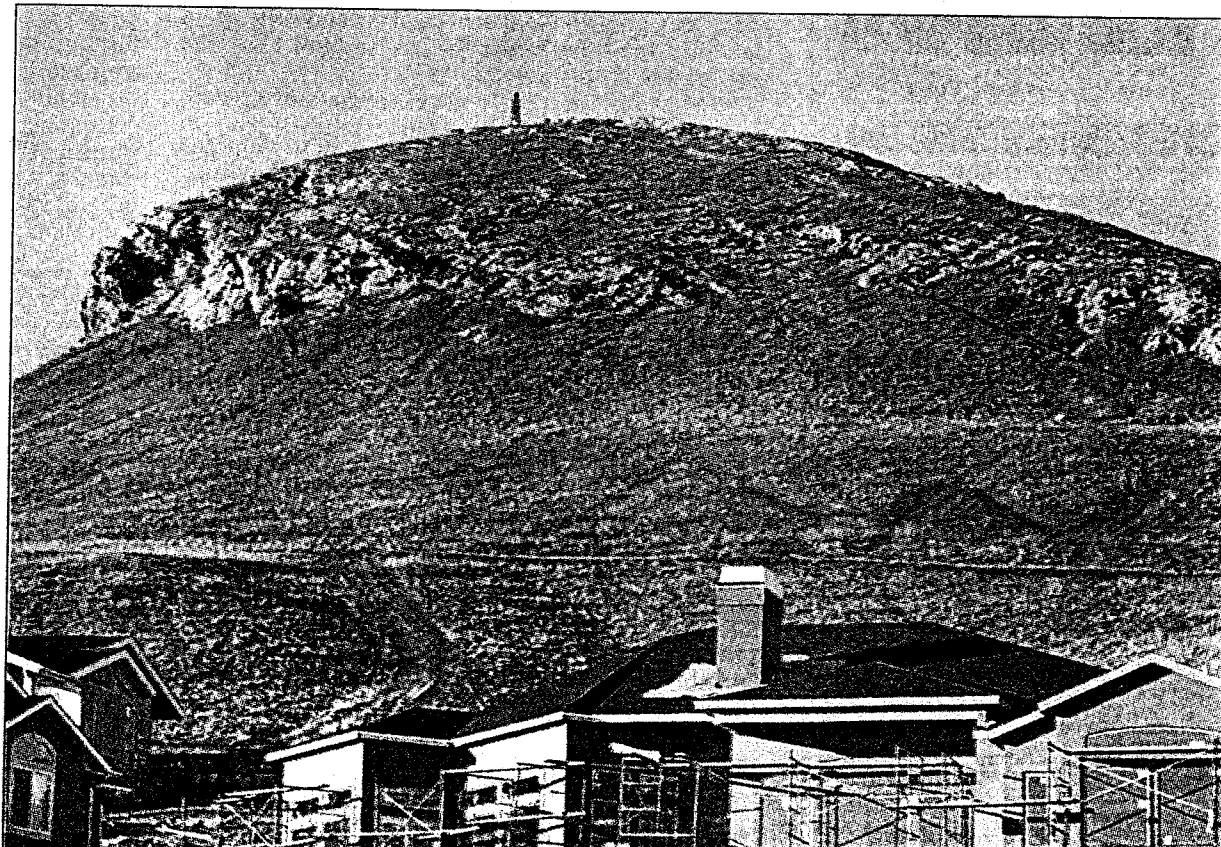
cleanup itself. Company officials point with pride to the remediation work done in-house in recent years, to the tune of some \$80 million. And they are certain Superfund status will slow the cleanup, make it more expensive and tarnish Kennecott's reputation.

EPA officials are complimentary about Kennecott's cleanup initiatives. But they believe the public should have more than the company's verbal assurance that the quality work of recent years will continue for decades to come.

The regulators and the company tried for more than a year to establish a legal working relationship that satisfied the desires of both sides. But when that failed, EPA proposed in January to add Kennecott to the Superfund (technically, the National Priority) List.

While many leading Utah fig-

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# Kennecott Objects to Superfund Status

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ures have sided with the copper company's efforts to avoid listing. South Jordan City Manager Tony Murphy believes most ordinary citizens do not comprehend what a Superfund listing means, let alone know whether they support it.

"I know I don't fully understand it," he said. "It's important for EPA to come out and explain what the process is, how people can provide comment, how this identifies what areas need to be cleaned up and how this helps get the areas cleaned up." His city has three potential Superfund sites.

One is remote — evaporation ponds covering 1,200 acres in the grassy hills from 10200 South to 11400 South between 4200 West and 5200 West.

One is expansive — a plume of sulfate pollution that has infiltrated a groundwater aquifer that also extends beneath West Jordan.

And one is Bingham Creek. Murphy has a personal interest in this one. His house overlooks the gully cut by this creek before its flow ended. His son frequently has climbed its steep slope to collect golf balls lost by duffers on the third and fourth holes at Glenmoor Golf Course.

Murphy said that section of the creek was cleaned completely last summer by Kennecott. "They removed all the contaminants, it's been revegetated and now it's a wonderful community amenity. It should not be proposed for listing," he said, adding that EPA should allow any remaining work on Bingham Creek to be done before considering it as a Superfund site.

Parkinson feels the same about the portion of Bingham Creek that bisects West Jordan. The removal of lead and arsenic-contaminated materials from the creekbed as it winds through subdivisions has gone well with Kennecott and Atlantic-Richfield Co. doing the work under the oversight of EPA, the state and city.

"We have a remarkable working relationship with EPA. It's a precedent-setting partnership of the federal and local levels," she said. "And Kennecott has been an excellent neighbor, helping us zero in on trouble spots."

In West Jordan, four of those are subdivisions —

## ■ Superfund Meetings

The West Jordan EPA Superfund session is scheduled Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 8000 S. Redwood Road. It is the first of three informational meetings scheduled this month on the Superfund listing proposal. The other meetings are March 16 at South Jordan City Hall and March 17 at Brockbank Junior High School in Magna.

Fahnian Ranchettes, Jordan View, Meadow Green Farms and Bluegrass — developed on soil removed from the creekbed by farmers who thought it would make the soil more productive, having no idea whatsoever that the dirt was contaminated.

Parkinson believes those subdivisions can be cleaned without a Superfund declaration, and will try to convince the EPA that she is right — without resorting to mudslinging or calling in big-time politicians to put pressure on the agency.

She said West Jordan's cleanup has proceeded smoothly simply because the city has respected the jurisdiction and expertise of EPA and Kennecott's commitment to do the job right. She hopes Wednesday's proceedings reflect that cooperation.

Eva Hoffman leads the team of EPA officials responsible for cleaning up the Kennecott sites if they are listed. She will be available to answer questions along with toxicologist Gerry Heningsen, who will talk about health effects of contaminants, and Mike Holmes, who will explain how people may submit comments on the proposal.

Hoffman fully supports West Jordan's informal format.

"You get more information that way because people are less hesitant to stand up. They tend sometimes to be scared in big meetings," she said. "And we usually get more substantive information from the public about what they're really interested in."

Kennecott also supports the process, said spokeswoman Alexis Fernandez. "We'll have large maps showing the north and south zones, information on groundwater, information citizens can take away with them."

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## Utah Irish to Paint S.L. Main Street Green for Parade

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infamous McNamara's Band, a collection of old school friends who try to come up with something oddball each year.

Previous years have featured a formation trash-can march and a flatbed truck loaded with couches, potatoes and couch potatoes.

horses, floats and school bands. And this year, the Hibernians are especially encouraging families to join them.

"That's how it started, as kind of just families marching with a few other entries. We're trying to re-emphasize that this year," Dunne said.

Grand marshal is Irene Sweeney, a longtime volunteer in community affairs. Hibernian of the Year is John Mooney, retired sports editor of *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Main Street will be painted with shamrocks at intersections along the parade route and green

Capitol from 500 North via Memory Grove, down Main Street to 500 South. Race registration is \$10 or \$13 on the day of the race.

After the parade, the Hibernian Society holds its first Irish Party from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hellenic Center at 300 South and 300 West.

Called Siamsa — pronounced Shee-am-sa — it is billed as a traditional family party with plenty to eat and drink and lots of singing and dancing. Admission is \$5; free for children under 12.

"You don't need an invitation and you certainly don't have to be Irish to attend the Siamsa," said event chairman Warren Stack.